

LOUISIANA



CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 22,600 in Louisiana.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 9,400 in Louisiana.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Louisiana: 232.8 **National:** 202.3

Louisiana ranks 2nd highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,000 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Louisiana.
- 2,700 men and women will die of lung cancer in Louisiana.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Louisiana	National
Overall	68.3	56.8
White	65.7	56.7
Black	76.9	66.4
Hispanic	30.9	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	20.9	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	31.7	37.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,800 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Louisiana.
- 700 women will die of breast cancer in Louisiana.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Louisiana	National
Overall	30.2	27.7
White	27.3	27.2
Black	38.2	35.9
Hispanic	16.7	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.9

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,600 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Louisiana.
- 1,000 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Louisiana.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Louisiana	National
Overall	23.8	21.2
White	21.7	20.7
Black	30.9	28.5
Hispanic	15.1	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.7

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,600 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Louisiana.
- 500 men will die of prostate cancer in Louisiana.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Louisiana	National
Overall	39.7	32.9
White	30.6	30.2
Black	70.6	73.0
Hispanic	23.4	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. Louisiana death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.